

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 179
By Springer

A RESOLUTION to designate the bridge spanning Happy Hollow on the new State Route 50 in Hickman County as the "Farris Baker-Tilman Nash Memorial Bridge".

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, by means of its Department of Transportation, is in the process of re-routing State Route 50 in Hickman County, Tennessee, from Centerville to Interstate 40, thus providing area residents with better access to all areas of the state and nation; and

WHEREAS, this road is blazing a new trail across scores of acres of land that have traditionally been utilized for farm and agricultural purposes and possess a rich history regarding the development of Hickman County; and

WHEREAS, along this stretch of new highway, there are plans to construct a bridge spanning Happy Hollow, near the Only community; and

WHEREAS, the proposed location of this bridge is adjacent to property once resided upon by Farris Baker, a Humphreys County native, who married Lillian Brake in 1931 and moved to Hickman County, where the couple resided in Happy Hollow and reared eight children, six of whom still reside in Hickman County with their families, which include thirteen grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Tilman Nash also resided in the area of Happy Hollow where he farmed, rafted cross ties down the river and was well-known for this handmade fish baskets; and

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WHEREAS, although Farris Baker and Tilman Nash are both deceased, they are not forgotten, and are still remembered for their kindness, community spirit, and dedication to the betterment of life in Hickman County; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Hickman County legislative body believe the best way to permanently recognize and commemorate their contributions would be to name the aforementioned bridge in their honor; and

WHEREAS, the members of the General Assembly most heartily concur with this proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the proposed bridge to span Happy Hollow on the newly constructed State Route 50 in Hickman County is hereby designated as the "Farris Baker-Tilman Nash Memorial Bridge" to commemorate the bountiful lives of purpose and commitment of these two public-spirited gentlemen.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Farris Baker-Tilman Nash Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation and to the Hickman County legislative body with this final resolving clause deleted from such copies.

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